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Madam/Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated February 3, 2009, the Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Rule 132 Declaration by Mr. Masahiko Koike and a request for continued examination (RCE) with the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently with this submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

Please amend the application as follows: